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REF: KUWAIT 4567

1. INTIAL RESPONSE LOCAL PRESS ON NOVEMBER 5 TO SUSPENSION GULF/BP NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOK ON FUTURE KUWAIT OIL COMPANY (KOC) HAS BEEN RESERVED, RESTRICTED PRIMARILY TO FACTUAL REPORT OF GOVERNMENT STATEMENT OF NOVEMBER 4 AND SUBSEQUENT COMMENTARY
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BY CABINET MINISTER ABDUL AZIZ HUSSEIN.

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2. UNOFFICIAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION GOVERMENT STATEMENT FOLLOWS:
QUOTE: "FOLLOWING THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS WITH BP AND GULF OIL
COMPANIES OPERATING IN KUWAIT, THESE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN
BROKEN OFF DUE TO THE TWO COMPANIES' DESIRE TO MAKE A FINAL
REVIEW OF THEIR POSITION TOWARDS KUWAIT'S CLEAR DEMANDS FOR
PERSERVING ITS FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS TO ITS OIL WEALTH. THE
GOVERMENT MADE CLEAR TO THE TWO COMPANIES THAT IN NO WAY WILL
IT GIVE UP ITS BASIC STAND AND THAT IT DOES NOT AGREE TO NEGOTIATE
WITH THE TWO COMPANIES TOGETHER WHICH HAVE A UNIFIED STAND
THEY HAVE AGREED ON AMONG THEMSELVES AND OF WHICH THE GOVERMENT
DOES NOT APPROVE. THE GOVERMENT HOLDS TO ITS POSITION OF
PRESERVING ITS WEALTH AND OBSERVING THE PRINCIPLE OF ASSERTING
FULL SOVEREIGNTY OVER THIS WEALTH, EFFECTIVE FROM MARCH 5, 1975."
UNQUOTE.

3. IN MEETING WITH PRESS, HUSSEIN CAREFULLY AVOIDED CONTROVERSY.
HE SAID THE GOVERMENT HAS STUDIED A NUMBER OF ALTERNATIVES TO
SAFEGUARD ITS OIL INTERESTS, BUT DECLINED TO IDENTIFY THEM SAYING
"NATIONAL DUTY REQUIRES GOVERMENT OFFICIALS TO WITHHOLD STATEMENTS
IN THIS REGARD." HUSSEIN ALSO DECLINED TO COMMENT ON WHEN THE
GOVERMENT EXPECTS A FURTHER REPLY FROM THE COMPANIES, STATING
"WAITING A LITTLE MORE WOULD NOT CAUSE ANY LOSS TO US".

4. NO OTHER OFFICIAL STATEMENTS HAVE YET BEEN MADE BY GOK
OFFICIALS. REFERENCE TO MARCH 5 IN OFFICIAL STATEMENT REFERS TO
DATE ON WHICH OIL MINISTER KAZEMI FIRST ANNOUNCED TAKEOVER
REMAINING ASSETS KOC.
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